

CORRESPONDENCE.

Porter.

Hurray for Steve Hall! He's got another boy. Although one day too early, yet Steve thinks it the best New Year's present.

Mr. Geo. Weldin presented each of his two daughters, Mrs. Cora Mink and Miss Nora, with a gold watch as a Christmas present.

The township treasurer of Porter collected nearly ninety per cent. of the taxes at the one per cent. commission. A little better than Paw Paw, isn't it?

Mr. Geo. Cornish is attending the university at Ann Arbor. He is taking the medical course. He has the best wishes of many friends that he may obtain abundant success in the profession he has chosen.

The sleighing is splendid and teamsters are improving it by hauling immense loads of ties, wood, etc., to market, as many as forty ties have been drawn into Lawton at one load. Mr. Adam Ickes has cut about 3,000 ties on the Ewers place, and Stern & Co. have probably cut as many more on their farm.

The young people of South Porter will give an exhibition or entertainment at Town Hall, on Friday evening next. They have taken great pains in their preparations, and, judging from their past performances, they will doubtless present an attractive and pleasing programme. Admission ten and fifteen cents.

Lawrence.

The winter term of school began last Monday.

We learn that Rev. Mr. Bailey is able to be out again.

Hi. Cornwell went to Chicago after more new goods last week.

We are to have another barber in town, Bert Merrill. He will occupy Ab. Phillips' grocery building.

It is our belief that the north pole has got loose and is coming down this way, bringing the arctic circle with it.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sutton have a baby boy, born the 5th inst. Maybe Lije will sober down and be dignified, now he is "grandpa."

H. M. Marshall advertising goods at reduced prices, as he wishes to sell out his stock and quit the business. After looking it over for twenty-seven years, no wonder he wants a rest.

Prospect Lake.

H. A. Carris will build a new house in the spring. Chas. Hubbard will be the builder, so we are told.

John and Henry Nower are at work cutting and drawing logs. John having sold quite a lot on the stump, to Warner of Decatur.

Married, in Lamoni, Iowa, December 23d, 1886, Mrs. Edith Bentley to Mr. Shaw. Mrs. Bentley was formerly a resident of this place.

We beg pardon; will not do it again, but our boy took our attention from the local news-gathering last week until it was too late.

Our lyceum is in good running order, and there are very interesting debates each evening; the literary exercises are good, singing best.

Any good, honest, stranger wishing to hire a hand with a family for a year can be accommodated by calling at E. S. Northrup's home.

Oh, say! The *Courier* correspondent of this place, has received a supply from that office, and now the people of Paw Paw will get all the news from here and more too.

If it were not for newspapers, we of this little burg, would not know there had been a change of administration, as our mail is still handled by a partisan republican. Are we always to be behind the times? Will someone please call the attention of the P. M. G. or Father Grover to this matter before another change of presidents takes place?

Barnes District.

Ellis Conklin visited friends in Chicago last week.

Frank Hydenbuck has a winter's job with Wm. Charles of Bangor.

Mrs. A. U. Barnes is recovering from a very severe attack of quinsy.

J. M. Fisk has rented his farm to Milton Conklin of Hartford. Success, Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have returned from a visit to their daughter at Syracuse, Ind.

Mr. Woodard's six years' old daughter died last Friday. Funeral exercises were held at the Barnes school house on Sunday.

The lyceum was a decided success. It was decided that women should vote. Question for next debate, "Resolved—That the Nation has reached its height of prosperity."

On Thursday evening last, the grangers and their friends made a surprise visit to Mr. L. Monroe and family, leaving him an elegant dining-room chair, as a token of regard and esteem. It was presented by Mr. G. Corey, Mr. Monroe responding and saying he was twice surprised. A lap supper was served and the evening pleasantly passed with lively conversation, the relation of stories of the war, etc.

Lawrence grange met on the afternoon of December 31st. After the transaction of the usual business, the following officers were elected, and on the evening of January 5th, they were duly installed: L. Monroe, M.; Geo. Conklin, O.; Mrs. J. M. Fisk, L.; Henry Christie, S.; E. McAllister, A. S.; W. W. Bass, C.; Frank Branch, T.; Mrs. A. U. Barnes, Sec.; Mrs. L. Monroe, Ceres; Mrs. J. M. Blowers, Pomona; Mrs. T. Lamphear, Flora; Mrs. E. McAllister, L. A. S.; D. Ferris, Ex. Com.; Mrs. E. Branch and Mrs. G. Corey, Lady Ex. Com. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe presented to the grange an elegant secretary, which was accepted, with thanks to the donors.

Glendale.

Mrs. Edith Crapo of Kendall, made her brother's family—L. A. Rogers—a flying visit last week.

Died, at Glendale, December 27th, Mr. John McKnight. Funeral services were held at the church on the 29th.

Ellis Mitchell Lampson was married again on New Year's day, to a man named Drake. This was her second marriage within six months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sherrod and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vickers are at Mendon, visiting at Rev. E. V. Armstrong's, our former pastor.

Johnny Wilson, who has been at work in the Upper Peninsula, returned home a week ago. He reports rather too much cold weather for him up there.

On the evening of the 6th inst., the friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rogers came pouring in upon them (it being their 20th anniversary) and gave them a genuine surprise, bringing with them baskets loaded with butter and eggs—no, we mean provisions and some very fine presents. It was a very happy time for all, we think; it certainly was for the surprised ones, after they had gathered up their scattered thoughts.

Decatur.

L. L. Conkey of Duwague, was in town last Saturday.

Will Snow of Paw Paw, was in town on business last Friday.

John Popendick and wife of Nebraska, visited his brother William on Saturday last.

George Chamberlain of Hartford, was shaking hands with the boys one day last week.

Norris Van Fleet of Lawton, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Wm. Popendick, on Thursday last.

Charles Shearer of Berrien Springs, has been visiting with his friend, Will Harlow, for a few days.

Mr. Stevenson, one of Prof. Pierce's former pupils, has been making a visit to him and his school.

L. T. Rawson reports that he took in more than during the month of December than in any other month of the past year.

Mrs. Bugbee and her son Charles returned from Hillsdale, where they have been visiting Mr. E. A. Blackman and family, on Wednesday last.

Newton Eastman and wife of Lawrence, who have been visiting in the eastern part of the state, stopped here last Saturday and Sunday to visit with friends.

Mattawan.

Miss Etta Robbins is home on a visit.

Miss Nettie Vandecar has secured a situation as assistant at the Kalamazoo asylum.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Henry Freeman is able to be on the streets again, although looking rather thin.

That birthday surprise on Mr. Jay Atwater was a very pleasant affair. Quite a number of brother "mums" were present.

Mr. E. J. Tilton was surprised by about forty of our young people, last Saturday evening, all of whom enjoyed a very pleasant time.

The G. A. R. social last Wednesday evening was well attended, and the installation exercises were interesting. The recitations by our "Canadian eloquentists" were enjoyed by all. Comrades Spier and Noyes of Paw Paw, were present.

Gobleville.

Mrs. Clark Beardsley has been enjoying a visit from two of her sisters.

Our business men are filling their ice houses, and report the ice of an excellent quality.

The chimney at the Central House burned out last Monday evening, creating quite an excitement.

Flann Hall and wife, former residents of this village, now of Valena, have been visiting friends here during the past week.

Frank Fisk, a former resident of Galesburg, Michigan, now of the state of Missouri, made a short visit with Gobleville friends last week.

Mrs. Van Fleet, after a two years' absence, is back here among old friends again. She will attend school here this winter, boarding at Mrs. Burnham's.

Mrs. Ella Snow of Rochester, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. Lydia Loveland and other friends again. She very seldom fails to make her annual visit at this place.

Dr. Hill succeeds Dr. Devere at this place. His appearance is suggestive of a man of intelligence, and yet he may kill as quickly as other members of the profession.

The band boys are rehearsing their new play, "Under the Gas Light," and will soon bring it before the public. Don't fail to attend, as it will surely please you.

The "Colored Church Choir" gave a concert at Clement's Hall last Friday evening. They are good singers, and we think all felt that they had got their fifteen cents' worth.

Frank Fike of Vandalia, Cass County, who left this place eleven years ago, is now visiting old friends here. Frank has changed since the time when he was one of the boys here. He gives us a great puff on the growth of our little village.

Frank Moon, the genial proprietor of the Kalamazoo store, says he likes Gobleville and talks of building. That is very suggestive, to say the least, though instead of a dwelling, it may be a brick store. Anyhow, the girls and everybody else should help to keep him a resident of this place.

Lawton.

Miss Bertie Bitely has been sick with pneumonia, but is much better.

The ice houses are being filled, although the quality of ice is not as good as it might be.

Wheat was booming last week and there was considerable excitement among the local buyers.

Lawton Lodge, F. and A. M., will have their work in the E. A. degree, on Saturday evening, January 15th.

We understand that the Lawton band will be reorganized, with new players to take the place of some of the old ones.

There are a good many in town who are sick and many more who have severe colds, we, ourselves, being one of the latter.

That tramp who got off the accommodation a week ago Sunday and hung around town, was the same one who stole the cloak at Paw Paw.

A telegram was received here on Monday of last week announcing the death of Tom Delemeter, who had gone up north on a hunting expedition. He was engaged in painting at this place.

Another runaway occurred last Saturday evening, a team becoming frightened at the cars and circling around the square on Main street, upsetting the sleigh and its occupants in front of the stores. The team was caught and not much damage was done.

Lena, the little baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Jones, whose illness we mentioned last week, passed from earth to a better world last Friday afternoon, at three o'clock. The funeral occurred at the house, on Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. U. Mason officiating. The last few days of her life were of severe suffering, and the mother and father, who watched so tenderly over the little sufferer, are called upon to mourn the loss of one who was destined to remain with them so short a time. As she lay in the pure white casket, although death had claimed her, she appeared to be but sleeping. Her age was nine months and twelve days.

James Elverson's *Golden Days*, published at Philadelphia, Pa., begins the new year under the most favorable auspices. It is constantly increasing in popularity with the boys and girls of America, and we notice that their elders like to peruse it as well. It contains a variety of instructive and entertaining reading matter ranging from a weekly exposition of the Sunday school lesson to the most fascinating fiction by some of the best writers of the country. It is free from everything pernicious, immoral or vicious in tendency, and well deserves the success it has richly earned.

The *Detroit Free Press*'s carrier's address was a little late with the "compliments of the season," but it was handsome though. The cover was an especially beautiful specimen of the "art preservative."

The holiday number of the *West Shore* is the handsomest that most excellent western magazine has ever issued. Many of its illustrations are printed in five colors, and none of them less than three. They are highly artistic, both in design and execution, and are especially appropriate to the season. An elegant, large engraving of Mount Hood, the famous snow peak of the Cascade Mountains, accompanies the number as a special supplement. It is executed in eight colors and is by far the most beautiful reproduction of the grand scenery of the West yet made by the printing press. The literary features of the magazine are most excellent. The holiday number and supplement will be sent to any address upon receipt of fifty cents by the publisher. They will be sent free to all who subscribe now for 1887. Subscription price, \$2.00 per year. Address L. Sammel, Publisher of the *West Shore*, Portland, Oregon.

Ever since the Michigan Central Railroad was built, it has been a favorite with the traveling public, because its roadbed was smooth, its cars elegant and its service admirable, but since the road built a new bridge across the Niagara River below the falls, and a station called Falls View, right beside the Horse-Shoe Falls, everybody wants to go that way. Many people cannot stop at the old bridge to amount to anything; but now, by the new "Falls Route" of the Michigan Central, they can stand on a high bluff for ten minutes, right above the seething, boiling cauldron, and see more of the falls in that time than they could stop over for a day. From Falls View station, the Michigan Central gives its passengers the most beautiful view to be seen on this earth. There may be more beautiful scenes on some other earth, but no railroad runs there yet.—*Geo. W. Peck, in Peck's Sun.*

Miss M. G. McClintock's third novel, "A Self-Made Man," will appear, complete, in *Lippincott's Magazine* for February. The hero is a Virginian of humble origin, who leaves his native state in boyhood, makes a large fortune in the West and returns in maturity to gain a somewhat doubtful foothold among the local aristocracy. This central character is a remarkably strong study, and the contrast between southern and western modes of thinking and living are artistically managed. The same number will contain a new story by Mrs. A. L. Wister, entitled "Rothenburg Felicity," after the German of Paul Heyse, a satire by Robert Grant and a bit of personal gossip, "A Day with the President," giving much entertaining information in regard to President Cleveland and his wife. Another notable article in the February *Lippincott's* will be "Our Actors and their preference," by Charles E. L. Wingate, dramatic editor of the *Boston Journal*. The author has written letters to the leading actors of England and America—Edwin Booth, Henry Irving, Wilson Barrett, Lawrence Barrett, Modjeska, Clara Morris, Fanny Davenport, etc.—inquiring what are the parts they prefer to play and the lines they like best. Their answers are published in the article and are varied and interesting. Mr. John Burroughs' "More Egoston"—a sketch of his own career and a criticism of his works and literary methods—adds a further attraction to the February *Lippincott's*.

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